Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (presently amended) A composite comprising a structural component and a resin component, the structural component comprising structural fibers and a toughening additive comprising non structural thermoplastic fibers, wherein the structural component is provided in a form of a plurality of layers of textile and at least one veil comprising a thin layer of woven or unwoven material is provided between a pair of adjacent layers, and the resin component comprising a non-thermoplastic material, and the structural component being a preform of dry fibers wherein resin is injected or infused during liquid composite molding, said preform formed from the structural fibers and the thermoplastic fibers.
- 2. The composite as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the resin component is a thermosetting resin composition.
- (presently amended) The composite as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the resin component is a low viscosity thermosetting resin composition.
- 4. (presently amended) The composite as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein a percentage by volume of the toughening additive in the composite is more than 2% but less than 30%.

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- 5. (presently amended) The composite as claimed in Claim <u>4</u> 1 or 2, wherein <u>the</u> a volume of the toughening additive is more than 5% but less than 25%.
- 6. (presently amended) The composite as claimed in Claim <u>5</u> 1 or 2, wherein <u>the</u> a volume of the toughening additive is more than 10% but less than 20%.
- 7. (cancelled)
- 8. (presently amended) The composite as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein a volume fraction of the structural fibers in the preform is at least 65%.
- 9. (cancelled)
- 10. (presently amended) A structural reinforcement for use in a composite comprising a preform which comprises a dry fibrous assembly formed from structural fibers and non-structural thermoplastic fibers wherein at least some of the thermoplastic fibers are semi-crystalline, where a volume fraction of the structural fibers in the preform is at least 65%.
- 11. (cancelled)
- 12. (presently amended) The structural reinforcement as claimed in either Claim 10 or claim
 11, further comprising a resin curing agent.

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- 13. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the curing agent can be activated by changing temperature.
- 14. (presently amended) The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 10 or 11, wherein the preform comprises layers of textile and the reinforcement component addition includes at least one veil between an adjacent pair of layers, the veil being formed from a thin layer of woven or unwoven material.
- 15. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 14, wherein each veil includes thermoplastic fibers.
- 16. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 14, wherein binder material is distributed on or in the veil.
- 17. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the structural fibers.
- 18. (presently amended) The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 10 or 11, wherein the preform includes a textile comprising a hybrid yarn of commingled said structural fibers and said thermoplastic fibers or a yarn of said structural fibers and a yarn of said thermoplastic fibers.
- 19. (presently amended) A method of making a composite comprising forming a preform by combining dry structural fibers with dry non-structural thermoplastic fibers in an assembly to provide a structural component wherein the preform includes textile

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provided in layers and a veil is provided between at least one adjacent pair of layers

prior to the addition of the resin, the veil comprising a thin layer of woven or non-woven

material, injecting or infusing a liquid resin into the structural component, and curing the liquid resin.

- 20. The method as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a resin curing agent is added to the structural component prior to the liquid resin.
- 21. The method as claimed in Claim 20, wherein the curing agent is encapsulated in a material which melts at a first temperature and wherein the curing step involves raising a temperature to the first temperature to activate the resin curing agent.
- 22. (presently amended) The method as claimed in <u>Claim</u> any one of <u>Claims</u>19 to 21, wherein the curing step is at least partially carried out at a temperature below the melting point of the thermoplastic fibers.
- 23. (cancelled)
- 24. (presently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 19 23, further comprising distributing binder material on or in the veil.
- 25. (presently amended) The method as claimed in any one of Claims Claim 19 to 21, wherein the resin injection process is resin transfer molding or composite resin injection molding.

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- 26. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 15, wherein binder material is distributed on or in the veil.
- 27. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the fibers.
- 28. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the fibers.
- 29. The structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the fibers.

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